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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : இந்த அரசாங்கம் இது சம்பந்தமாக எந்த வகையிலே கவனம் செலுத்தவேண்டுமோ அந்த வகையில் கவனம் செலுத்திக்கொண்டு வருகிறது. கனம் அங்கத்தினர் அவர்கள் நம்மை விட்டு ராஜ்ய சபைக்குச் சென்று விடுவார்களோ என்று நாம் எல்லோரும் பயந்துகொண்டிருந்தோம். துரதிருஷ்டவசமாக அவர்கள் அந்த எண்ணத்தைக் கைவிட்டுவிட்டார்கள். இருந்தாலும் அங்கு இருக்கும் கனம் அங்கத்தினருடைய நண்பர்களிடம் சொல்லி பார்லிமெண்டில் இம்மாதிரிக் கேள்விகளைப் போடச் சொல்லும்படி அவரிடம் கேட்டுக் கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : ராஜ்ய சபைக்குப் போய் விடுவார்களோ என்று பயந்துகொண்டிருந்தோம் என்று சொல்லிவிட்டு, 'துரதிருஷ்டிவசமாக' என்று ஏன் சொல்லுகிறார்?

Travellers' Bungalows

* 68 *Q*.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that this Government have agreed to place under the management of the Central Government some of their travellers, bungalows for the benefit of tourists; and

(*b*) if so, the travellers' bungalows so proposed to be placed under the management of the Central Government and the terms and conditions under which they are to be so placed?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Have not the Tourist Branch of the Central Government offered special grants for improvement and proper maintenance of Travellers' Bungalows and Rest-Houses in our State?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : They offered aid for the Travellers' Bungalows.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : How much has been offered as grant and what progress has been made to execute the necessary repairs to Travellers' Bungalows and Rest-Houses with the proffered aid from the Central Government?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : The hon. Member may put a separate question.

Causeway across the Cooum River.

* 69 *Q*.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to construct a bridge or causeway across the Cooum river near Takkolam;

(*b*) if so, the estimated cost of the scheme; and

(*c*) when the work will be taken up?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c) Does not arise.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Government have this matter examined as this bridge is on an inter-district road connecting Chingleput and North Arcot districts? For want of this bridge, great inconvenience is caused to the public.

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : Once in five or six years high floods occur. At present there is no programme with the Government to have any bridge there. Though it is an inter-district road connecting the North Arcot district with Chingleput, it is really maintained by the North Arcot District Board and we hope that they will maintain that road in proper condition.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : As there is a provision of Rs. 17 lakhs in the Budget this year for upgrading such roads by taking them over from the District Boards, will the Government have this matter examined further?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : This road is not taken into consideration at present and it is not included in the Budget for the coming year. It will be considered if it is necessary.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. CHAIRMAN *RE* MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to announce to the House that I have received the following message, dated 12th February 1958, from the Governor of Madras :—

" In pursuance of Article 207, clause (3), of the Constitution of India, I, Bishnuram Medhi, Governor of Madras, hereby recommend to the Madras Legislative Council, the consideration of the Madras Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 1958 ".

III.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

MOTION UNDER RULE 23 (1) OF THE MADRAS COUNCIL RULES *re* TRANSACTION OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ON A NON-OFFICIAL DAY.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I beg to move— 3-40 p.m.

" That rule 23 (1) of the Madras Council Rules be suspended and this House do resolve to transact Government Business on Saturday, the 8th March 1958 ".